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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | | | | A208.5 | |
| | | A233.5P | | | | | |
| A233.7P | | A233.7P | | | | | |
| A238.5P | | | | | | | A238.5P |
| B89.5 | B89.5 | B89.5 | | B89.5 | B89.5 | | |
| | | | | | B90.5 | | |
| B96.8 | B96.8 | B96.8 | B96.8 | B96.8 | | | |
| B177.7 | | B177.7 | B177.7 | B177.7 | | | |
| B180 | | | | | | | |
| B237 | | B237 | | | | | |
| B238.5 | | B238.5 | | | | | |
| | | B239.5 | | B239.5 | | | |
| B279.5 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | CS Unlisted (2 types) |
| C10 | | | | | C10 | | |
| C28 | | | | | | | |
| C85 | C85 | C85 | | | C85 | | |
| | C167 | C167 | | | | | |
| C194.5I | C194.5I | C194.5I | | | | | |
| | | C245 | | | | | |
| | | D49.3I* | D49.3I* | | D49.3I* | | |
| | D56 | | | | | | |
| D57 | | | | | | | |
| | D96 | | | | | | |
| D110 | | D110 | | | | | |
| F68 | | | | | | | |
| F95 | | | | | | | |
| | G4 | | | | | | |
| | G30 | | | | | | |
| | | | | G75.5P | | | |
| I0.5 | I0.5 | I0.5 | I0.5 | I0.5 | I0.5 | | |
| | | | | | | I2.5 | I2.5 |
| | | | I6.5 | I6.5 | I6.5 | I6.5 | |
| I40.5 | I40.5 | I40.5 | | | | | |
| I67 | I67 | I67 | | | | | |
| I119.5 | | | | | | | |
| I119.6I | I119.6I | I119.6I | I119.6I | | | | |
| | J3.5 | | | | | | |
| J181 | J181 | J181 | | | | | |
| K37.5P | K37.5 | | | | | | |
| | L99 | | | | | | |

USPS avoids "Irate" stamp & puts end to alphabet series; 177 perfins now known on A-H stamps

Bob Schwerdt's list of perfins on the Alphabet stamps of the United States (May 2000 *Bulletin*, page 75) attracted a lot of attention from members. There were enough additions to the list to make it advisable to publish the entire list again with the updates provided by other members.

The decision by the postal service to cover the most recent postal increase with a "First Class" stamp rather than another addition to the alphabet series (no way they were going to issue an "Irate" stamp!) may spell the end of the series. Still again, a J stamp may be just around the corner.

It is interesting to note that 14 of the patterns reported on the Alphabet stamps are personal, or vanity, items—perfins that are owned and used by members of

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Alphabet checklist includes 14 vanity patterns

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the Perfin Club.

The total number of perfin on the Alphabet stamps now stands at 177, a 59% increase over the original list. Some of the patterns reported here are also known to exist on the coil versions of the stamps, but no distinction has been made between sheet and coil or booklet stamps in the listing.

Schwerdt says contributors to the update include Chris Carr, Don Haynes, John Randall, Dave Ribble, Bob Szymanski, Jack Brandt, and Paul Gault.

If you find Alphabet perfin that aren't listed here, let Schwerdt know and he'll provide another update as the information warrants.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | | | Small M (unlisted) | |
| | | | | | | M1A | |
| | | | | M9.7 | M9.7 | M9.7 | |
| M10.6 | M10.6 | M10.6 | M10.6 | M10.6 | | | |
| | | | M14 | | | | |
| | | | | | MCC may be M33 | | |
| M50A | | | M50A | M50A | M50A | | |
| | | | | | | M166.5P | |
| M158 | | M158 | | | | | |
| N60A | N60A | | | | N60A | | |
| | | | | | N97.5 | N97.5 | |
| N113.5B | N113.5B | | | | N113.5B | | |
| N164.5 | | N164.5 | N164.5 | N164.5 | | | |
| | O70.5P | | O70.5P | | | | |
| P124 | | | | | | | |
| | P185 | | | | | | |
| | P229 | P229 | | P229 | | | |
| R2.3 | | R2.3 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | R94.7 | |
| R97 | | | | | R97 | | |
| | | | | | S7.5 | | |
| S99 | S99 | S99 | | S99 | S99 | | |
| S146 | S146 | S146 | S146 | | | | |
| S154 | | S154 | | | | | |
| S191A | S191A | S191A | | | | | |
| U39.5 | U39.5 | U39.5 | U39.5 | U39.5 | U39.5 | | |
| U40.5 | U40.5 | U40.5 | U40.5 | U40.5 | | | |
| U56 | U56 | U56 | | U56 | | | |
| U61.5 | U61.5 | | | | | | |
| | | | U104.5 | U104.5 | | U104.5 | |
| V23 | V23 | V23 | | | | | |
| W20.5P | | | | | | | |
| | W72.2 | | | | | | |
| W111.5 | W111.5 | | W111.5 | W111.5 | | | |
| W196 | | | | | | | |
| | Des49IP | Des49IP | | | | | |
| 45 | 34 | 33 | 16 | 18 | 17 | 10 | 4 |

*The D49.3I shows only the DH, not the NYC.